

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Jonnie R. WILLIAMS

Serial No.: Not Assigned

**Continuation of Serial No. 09/397,018**

Filed: Herewith

For: IMPROVED METHOD OF TREATING  
TOBACCO TO REDUCE NITROSAMINE  
CONTENT, AND PRODUCTS PRODUCED  
THEREBY

Group Art Unit: 1731

Examiner: Colaianni, M.

Atty. Dkt. No.: 04859.00006

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Re Amdt A  
6-19-01

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

The Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculating the filing fee in the above-captioned application, please enter the following amendment.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

At page 1 under the heading "Cross-Reference to Related Applications," after "This application" please insert is a continuation of Application No. 09/397,018, filed September 15,

1999, which--

At page 1, line 6, after "September 15, 1998, and" please insert --which--.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1-28 without prejudice.

Please add new claims 29-61 as follows.